

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-30 (canceled)

31. (currently amended) An assay method for identifying a compound able to modulate the interaction between ~~(A) ATM (Ataxia-telangiectasia mutated) or ATR (ATM-Rad3-related)~~ and ~~(B) p53~~, the method including the steps of:

(a) bringing into contact ~~ATM or~~ (i) ATR or a fragment of ~~ATM or~~ ATR which phosphorylates p53, ~~(2) (ii)~~ p53 or a fragment of p53 which includes a site which is phosphorylated by ~~ATM or~~ ATR, and (iii) a test compound; and

(b) determining phosphorylation at said site,

wherein an increase or decrease in the phosphorylation at said site in the presence relative to the absence of test compound is indicative that the compound is able to modulate the interaction between ~~ATM or~~ ATR and p53.

32-33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein said compound is able to modulate phosphorylation of p53 by ~~ATM or~~ ATR.

35. (canceled)